

JOURNAL
OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
In South-Carolina:
HELD IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON,
ON THE 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th OF FEBRUARY,
1840.

WITH
THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS,
THE CONSTITUTION AND CANONS,
AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

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SOUTH-CAROLINA.

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- " Ulysses M. Wheeler, *residing at Society Hill.*
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The Rev. J. Barnwell Campbell, *Temporary Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Church, Charleston.*

- " J. Stewart Hanckel, *Minister of St. Andrew's Parish, and Assistant Minister of St. Paul's, Radcliffeboro', Charleston.*
- " Robert T. Howard, *Assistant Minister of St. Stephen's and St. John's Chapels, Charleston.*
- " F. Beckman Lee, *Missionary to Carlowville, Alabama.*
- " Alsop Woodward, *Minister of St. Luke's Parish.*

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION.

Charleston, Wednesday, February 12th, 1840.

THIS being the regular day appointed for an Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled at St. Michael's Church. The Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. W. W. Spear, a Sermon delivered by the Rev. A. L. Converse, and the Communion administered by the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, with the assistance of the Rev. Messrs C. Hanckel, W. H. Barnwell, and W. W. Spear.

After Divine Service, the Rev. P. T. Gervais was called to the Chair. The Roll being called by the Secretary, a quorum was found present. The following Clergymen were in attendance.

The Rev. Wm. H. Barnwell,
" John Burke,
" David I. Campbell,
" J. B. Campbell,
" A. L. Converse,
" F. P. Delavaux,
" C. P. Elliott,
" Stephen Elliott sen.,
" Andrew Fowler,
" J. H. Fowles,
" C. E. Gadsden, D. D.
" Philip Gadsden,
" P. T. Gervais,
" Alexander Glennie,
" Christian Hanckel,
" J. S. Hanckel,
" R. T. Howard,
" Richard Johnson,

The Rev. P. T. Keith.
" A. W. Marshall,
" D. M'Elheran,
" Edward Philips,
" C. C. Pinckney, jr.
" W. T. Potter,
" F. H. Rutledge,
" P. J. Shand,
" W. W. Spear,
" N. B. Screven,
" Edward Thomas,
" Paul Trapier,
" J. R. Walker,
" Cranmore Wallace,
" B. C. Webb,
" U. M. Wheeler,
" Alsop Woodward,
" T. J. Young.

The following Laymen presented satisfactory certificates of Delegation from the Churches.

St. Philip's, Charleston—Dan'l. Huger, Thomas Gadsden, Edward M'Crary, B. D. Heriot, Thomas Lowndes.

St. Michael's, Charleston—James R. Pringle, James Jervey. Dr. I. M. Campbell, James L. Petigru, Dr. H. S. Waring, A. E. Miller.

St. Paul's, Radcliffeboro—Samuel Wragg and Geo. W. Eggleston.

St. Peter's, Charleston—Benj. R. Smith, J. S. Green, C. A. Dessausure, Dr. Wm. Michel.

St. Helena, Beaufort—Dr. Thomas Means, J. M. Verdier, Edward Barnwell.

St. John's Berkeley—Dr. Wm. Read, Frederick Ford, Dr. B. Huger, Dr. Hopson Pinckney.

St. John's Colleton—Rev. Paul T. Gervais, Wm. E. Matthews, P. Grimball.

St. Bartholomew's—G. P. Elliott.

St. Luke's—Wm. Pope, sen., W. H. Wigg, James Pope, sen., George Allen, R. R. Pope, Benj. F. Scott,

Edisto Island—Dr. E. Mitchell, Arch. H. Seabrook.

St. Helena Island—Dr. Thomas Fuller.

Trinity Church, Columbia—Hon. David Johnston, John L. Mannering, James L. Clark, Esq.

Church at Claremont—John L. Davis.

St. Mark's, Clarendon—Col. John J. Moore.

St. Matthew's—Col. Ed. Richardson.

St. Thomas and St. Denis—Hon. Alfred Huger, James Rose.

St. James', Santee—Charles C. Pinckney, sen.

Grace Church, Sullivan's Island—Alex. Robertson.

St. Andrew's—John S. Brisbane, Wm. Bull, Izard Middleton.

St. Paul's, Pendleton—Dr. James Stewart.

Prince William's—Frederick G. Fraser.

Christ Church, Greenville—Edward Croft, Esq.

St. James', James Island—John Rivers, Dr. Robert Lebby.

Trinity Church, Society Hill—Rev. U. M. Wheeler.

Christ Church, Wilton—Col. Lewis Morris, Wm. Brisbane.

Trinity Church, Edgefield—Edmund B. Bacon.

Holy Trinity, Grahamville—Albert Rhett, F. J. M'Cartly.

The Convention being organised, proceeded to ballot for officers, when the Rev. P. T. Gervais was elected President, and the Rev. W. W. Spear Secretary of the Convention.

The Rules of Order were read.

Mr. Wragg then presented a Preamble and Resolutions, which with additions by Mr. Pringle and Dr. Fuller, were adopted as follows:

We have again met from the various parts of our Diocese in consultation for its welfare. But we see before us the solemn emblems of mourning shrouding the Desk, where (at our last meeting) sat the venerable form of our much loved Presiding Officer. He is no longer seen there. The place, which knew him before, will know him again no more. His mild precepts and his candid and gentle reproofs, will be no more heard among us—may the recollections of them, still assist us in our proceedings and prompt us to do all that we can, for the prosperity and unity of our Church. We all feel the loss we have sustained, and feel also called on, at this first meeting of our Convention after his removal from us, to express our sense of the loss we have sustained, and the love and veneration we feel, for the memory of the Right Rev. NATHANIEL BOWEN, late Bishop of this Diocese. He was admirably fitted for th

sacred office which he held. Dignified in manner, mild and conciliating, and zealous, and indefatigable in his exertions for the good of the Church, over which he presided, he largely contributed to the extension of the doctrines of our venerable Church, throughout the State; and we trust his memory in all parts of it, will be long cherished and venerated. In accordance with the above sentiments

Resolved, That this Convention deeply regret the loss it has sustained by the death of the late Right Rev. N. BOWEN. We bow in resignation to the will of God, and humbly implore him to assist us by the inspiration of his Holy Spirit, in the choice of another to fill his place. And also to give the grace of the same spirit to his successor, to enable him to aid in the extension and influence of his blessed Gospel, not only in this Diocese but in the remotest parts of the world.

Resolved, That while in attendance on this body, we will wear the usual badge of mourning, crape on the left arm.

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the family of the Bishop.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Young, *Resolved*, that this Convention will observe to-morrow the 13th inst., as a day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, in order to implore the Divine aid and blessing, in the measures to be adopted for supplying the Episcopate of the Diocese.

Resolved also, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet to-morrow at half past nine o'clock.

On motion of Rev. C. Hanckel, *Resolved*, that this Convention will proceed to the election of a Bishop on Friday, the 14th inst., and earnestly request the prayers of the Church, that God may direct their choice to the glory of his name and welfare of his people.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at St. Philip's Church.

Thursday, A. M., Feb. 13th, 1840.

Convention met at St. Philip's Church, at half past 9 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment. This being set apart as a day of Fasting, Humiliation, and Prayer, the Rev. C. Hanckel performed the service for Ash-Wednesday. The sermon for the day was omitted in consequence of the sickness of the preacher appointed at the last Convention.

The President having taken his seat, the Convention proceeded to business. The Roll being called, a quorum was present.

A resolution was proposed to suspend the 2nd and 14th Rules of Order, which being lost, the minutes of the last meeting were read and amended.

On motion of Mr. Petigru, *Resolved*, That it be referred to a Committee of Seven to inquire into the expediency of separating at this time.

the Episcopal Office from connexion with any particular congregation or Parish,—and whether, in case such separation shall be approved, the means of suitably providing for the maintenance of the Bishop, can be afforded by this Convention.

The Committee appointed were, besides the Chair, Rev. Messrs. Hanckel and Barnwell, Messrs. James L. Petigru, C. C. Pinckney, Daniel E. Huger, and Col. Richardson.

On motion of C. C. Pinckney, *Resolved*, That the Chair appoint a Committee of four Clergymen and four Laymen, to examine and report on all doubtful seats and votes, if there be any in the Convention.

The Committee were the Rev. Messrs. Young, Walker, Shand and Potter, Messrs. C. C. Pinckney, A. Huger, Edw. Barnwell, and T. Gadsden.

On motion, the Convention resolved to take a recess until 4 o'clock this afternoon, and adjourned to meet at St. Peter's Church.

Thursday, P. M., Feb. 13th, 1840.

Convention met at St. Peter's Church, at 4 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

A certificate of Lay-delegation from St Paul's Parish, was presented by Thomas Gelzer, John W. Sommers, Wm. Washington, and Joseph Waring, who accordingly took their seats.

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden, in behalf of the Standing Committee, presented a statement of their official acts since the last Convention.

Mr. Alsop Woodward was recommended to the Bishop for Deacon's Orders; and after the decease of our esteemed Diocesan, Mr. John B. Campbell was recommended for Deacon's Orders, to the Right Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, Bishop of New-York, under the 4th section of Canon XV. of 1832.

Resolutions expressive of their sincere grief at the death of the late Bishop Bowen, were passed by the Committee shortly after that event, and they have received from several of the Bishops, and from meetings of the Clergy in several places of the other Dioceses, similar expressions of grief and sympathy, which have been duly published in the "Gospel Messenger."

They have received and duly recorded, as the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, a letter from the Right Rev. B. B. Smith, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Kentucky, addressed to our late Diocesan, Dr. Bowen, notifying him of the displacement, from the Ministry, according to the provisions of the 38th Canon of the General Convention, of the Rev. A. A. Willis, late a Presbyter of that Diocese. Also, one from the Right Rev. Charles P. McIlvaine, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Ohio, to the same, giving a similar notice respecting the Rev. John Williamson, and Rev. Albert Bledsoe, late Presbyters of that Diocese, who had been displaced from

the Ministry at their own request and renunciation, and for causes not affecting their moral character.

They have also received a letter from the Right Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, of New-York, informing them that he had rejected the application for Deacon's Orders, of Mr. James M. Fenn, a Candidate for Orders in that Diocese; and a letter from the Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, informing them that he had, as Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Delaware, pronounced sentence of degradation from the Ministry, upon Archibald T. K. McKallum, late a Deacon of the Diocese of Delaware, after a Canonical trial and conviction.

They have also passed a Preamble and Resolutions, expressive of their regret at the decease of one of the oldest Lay-members of the Committee, the late Mr. David Alexander—and accepted the resignation of another, Mr. Joshua W. Toomer, but have not deemed it advisable, so shortly before the meeting of the Convention, to fill either of these vacancies.

They have received a letter from the Rev. Thomas C. Dupont, a Presbyter of this Diocese, informing them of his having resigned the Parochial charge of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville, and of the said resignation having been accepted by the Vestry and Wardens of the same.

Deeming it also to fall within their province, under the existing circumstances of the Diocese, they requested and authorized the President of their Board to make whatever arrangements should be necessary, for the religious services, preparatory to the organization of the Convention.

They have also received, and herewith submit to the Convention, a letter from the Rev. Dr. Anthon, of New-York, Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in the General Convention, giving the Canonical notice of several matters. submitted by the General Convention at its last session, for the consideration of the "several Diocesan Conventions."

The Clerical Members of the Standing Committee, under the authority given to them by the Canons, have granted to the Rev. Edward Reed, a Letter of Dismission to the Diocese of Tennessee; and they have declined granting to Mr. Wilson Hall, a Candidate for Orders, now a Student at the General Seminary, a Licence to officiate as Lay-Reader in the Diocese of New-York.

From the Minutes.

C. E. GADSDEN, *President.*

To the Standing Committee of the Diocese of South-Carolina.

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with the requisitions of section 3d of Canon 4th, and of the 50th Canon of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, I transmit to you the following notice of matters submitted by the General Convention to the consideration of the Diocesan Conventions, viz. :

1. *Resolved*, That it be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, that it is proposed to alter at the next General Convention, the 1st Article of the Constitution of this Church, so that instead of the words, "At such time in every third year," it shall read, "On the first Wednes-

day in October in every third year, from the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one."

2. *Resolved*, That it be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, that it is proposed at the next General Convention, to consider the following alteration of the Constitution, viz.: Article VI. to read as follows:

The mode of trying Bishops shall be provided by the General Convention. The Court appointed for that purpose shall be composed of Bishops only. In every Diocese, the mode of trying Presbyters and Deacons may be instituted by the Convention of the Diocese. None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of admonition, suspension or degradation from the Ministry, on any Clergyman, whether Bishop, Presbyter or Deacon.

Done in General Convention in the city of Philadelphia, September, 1838.

Extracts from the Journal of 1838, page 167.

Attest.

HENRY ANTHON, *Secretary of the House
of Clerical and Lay Deputies.*

New-York, Jan. 14, 1840.

The Secretary then called upon the Delegates from Parishes for their assessment to the Convention.

Dr. L. M. Dessaussure, a Delegate from Prince William's Parish appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. C. Hanckel moved, that the President do proceed to appoint the Standing Committee, and Delegates to the General Convention.

An amendment to the resolution was offered, that the word President be stricken out, and the word Convention inserted in its stead; which was adopted.

On motion, Messrs. Grimball and Barnwell were appointed a committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention's Fund; established for the increase of the Permanent Fund, which they reported to be correct.

The Rev. C. Hanckel presented a report of the Committee on the Episcopate, which on motion, was laid on the table.

The tellers reported that the following persons were elected by joint ballot, the Standing Committee :

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden,	Thomas Lowndes,
" P. T. Gervais,	Samuel Wragg,
" C. Hanckel,	James Jervy,
" W. H. Barnwell,	James H. Ladson,
" Paul Trapier,	Edward McCready.

On motion, Convention adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, to meet at St. Michael's Church.

Friday, February 14th, 1840.

Convention met at 10 o'clock. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. W. T. Potter, and a Sermon delivered by the Rev. J. H. Fowles.

The President having called the house to order, the minutes of last evening were read and approved.

Certificates of Lay-delegation were presented by Chancellor Dunkin, from Prince Frederick's Chapel, Pee Dee; Dr. Wm. Read, from Christ Church; Dr. L. H. Deas, and Wm. Lang, from Grace Church, Camden; Geo. W. Eggleston, from St. James', Goose Creek; Mr. J. F. Blacklock, from Grace Church, Sullivan's Island; J. Clark, of St. Bartholomew's; Mr. Brewster, from St. Paul's Parish; and Hopson Pinckney, from St. John's, Berkley; who appeared and took their seats.

On motion, it was *Resolved* to proceed to the election of a Bishop.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, that immediately before the election, there should be silence kept for a little space, for the purpose of secret prayer to God, and that this interval be begun and ended by the President, with the use of one or more Collects.

This being done accordingly, two tellers were appointed to receive the Clerical votes, and two others for the Lay votes, which were deposited at the call of the Secretary.

The Tellers reported the following ballot:

By the Clergy.—Rev. Dr. Gadsden 15; Rev. Prof. Elliott 12; **Rev. Dr. Whittingham 1**; Rev. Paul Trapier 1.

By the Laity.—Rev. Dr. Gadsden 19; Rev. Prof. Elliott 11.

Whereupon the President announced that the *Rev. Christopher Edwards Gadsden, D. D.*, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Charleston, having received a majority of the votes of both orders, was duly elected Bishop of the Diocese.

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden tendered his acknowledgements to the Convention; stated that so grave a subject required consideration and prayer; invited the Clergy to meet him after the adjournment to-day of the Convention, and added, that his reply must be delayed till to-morrow.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday, February 15th, 1840.

The Convention met at 10 o'clock. The Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. John Burke. No Preacher having been appointed for this day the Convention proceeded to business, and the Minutes of yesterday were read and amended.

The Rev. C. Hanc'el, reported to the Convention the following resolution adopted by the Clergy, after the conference yesterday requested by the Bishop elect.

Resolved, unanimously, That the Clergy of this Diocese, assure the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, of the sincere respect which they entertain towards him, of their cordial determination to sustain him in the exercise of the office to which he has been elected, and of their earnest prayers, that he may be divinely directed in deciding the solemn question now before him.

The President of the Convention communicated the following letter of acceptance from the Bishop elect; after the reading of which, the Bishop elect, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

To the President and Members of the Convention of the Diocese of South-Carolina.

GENTLEMEN—Influenced, as I humbly trust, by religious considerations, (I may be selfdeceived, but I think I am not) I now yield my consent, that my name may be proposed to the other Dioceses, with the view of obtaining their consent for the consecration desired by your body.

In coming to this decision, (to which I have come, I may be permitted to say with unfeigned diffidence, and not without painful conflicts) I have been not a little encouraged, by the kind expressions of all my Brethren of the Clergy, and several of the Laity who were members of the Convention, and others, of the Laity, who were not members of that body.

Should your election have for its result my consecration; and should you adopt the resolution, which has been offered to separate the Diocesan from the parochial charge of a Congregation, may I be permitted to request, that such resolution should not take effect till the next Convention, so as to allow time to make the arrangements, which in that case will be requisite in reference to St. Philip's Congregation.

I am, very respectfully yours,

CHRISTOPHER E. GADSDEN.

Charleston, February 15th, 1840.

On motion of Dr. Fuller, it was *Resolved*, that the Resolution appended to the Report of the Committee on the Episcopate, lying on the table be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. M'Crary, *Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Common Fund be authorised to pay to the Bishop of the Diocese, the sum of \$1,200 annually, in quarterly payments to enable him to discharge the duties of the Episcopal office.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to fill the vacancy in the Standing Committee, occasioned by Dr. Gadsden's acceptance of a disqualifying office, and also to the election of Delegates to the General Convention. For the former, the Rev. W. W. Spear was appointed, and for the latter,

The Rev. C. Hanckel,	P. Tydman, M. D.,
" J. R. Walker,	Wm. Heyward.
" S. Elliott, jun.	Col. Lewis Morris,
" W. W. Spear,	Col. Ed. Richardson.

The President laid before the Convention, the Report of a Committee appointed at the last Convention, containing proposed Rules of Order,

a proposed Constitution and Canons, with the Standing Resolutions of the Convention.

The Constitution and Canons were read, and amendments offered.

On motion, *Resolved*, That 600 copies of the Journal be printed, and that the present Constitution and Canons with alterations and amendments, be appended thereto.

The Rev. Mr. Barnwell gave notice, that it is proposed, at the next Convention to repeal the 15th Article of the Constitution.

On motion of Mr. James Jervey, it was *Resolved*, that the quota of St. Michael's Church to the Bishop's fund, be reduced to 300 dollars.

The President laid before the Convention the usual Parochial Reports; whereupon, it was resolved, that they be appended to the journal without being read.

On motion, the President appointed as Preacher of the Convention Sermon for 1841, the Rev. R. Johnson, and his substitute, the Rev. T. C. Dupont. Also, as Preachers on other days than the first—the Rev. Messrs. Wheeler, Wallace, C. C. Pinckney, and J. S. Hanckel.

Thomas Gadsden, Esq. presented the following statement, as Treasurer of the Bishop's Permanent and Common Funds, and of the Convention Fund.

The Board of Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, having in trust the Funds instituted by the Convention, under the names of the Bishop's Permanent and Common Funds, submit their Report :

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PERMANENT FUND.

1839	To balance,.....	\$67 66
	“ Common Fund, three-fourths of \$1065 75, receipts of the year.	719 31
	“ Incidental Expenses,.....	53 28
	“ Balance,.....	145 50
	Amount of Permanent Fund, \$13,849 06.	
		<u>\$1065 75</u>

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1839	By cash—Interest and Dividends received during the year.....	\$865 75
	Appropriation to this Fund by the Pro. Epis. Society, &c. for the year 1839.....	200 00
		<u>\$1065 75</u>

Note.—In the Journal of 1839, p. 7. the following items were omitted in the Report on the Bishop's Permanent Fund, which being added to the amount there credited, make the sum total as there stated—\$12 092 71, viz.—

	Amount credited.....	\$10,947 55
Items omitted :		
	Mr. John Harth's Legacy.....	\$1052 50
	Cash received from Rev Mr. Campbell, through Rev. Mr. Spear.....	10 00
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Balance against fund.....12,025 05
67 66

\$12,092 71

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COMMON FUND.

1839	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Dr. Bowen, Bishop of the Diocese, in quarterly payments, in lieu of so much relinquished by him to St. Michael's Church	\$1200 00
	Incidental Expenses,	54 75
	Balance	782 56
		<u>\$2057 31</u>

CR.

1839	By balance	\$143 00
Jan. 1,	cash, from the following Churches, viz.	
	St. John's, Colleton	50 00
	St. Paul's, Wilton	15 00
	St. Peter's, Charleston	100 00
	St. James' Church, James' Island	5 00
	Prince Williams	10 00
	Holy Trinity, St. Luke's Parish, 1838-9	30 00
	St. Luke's, 1838-9	30 00
	Christ Church, Greenville	5 00
	Society Hill	10 00
	St. David's, Cheraw	10 00
	Trinity Church, Columbia	30 00
	St. John's, Berkley	50 00
	St. Philip's Charleston,	250 00
	St. Michael's, do	350 00
	St. Helena Church, Beaufort,	50 00
	St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island, '38, '39,	50 00
	Prince George, Winyaw,	50 00
		<u>\$1095 00</u>
	Bishop's Permanent Fund, three-fourths of \$1065 35	799 31
		<u>\$2037 31</u>

CONVENTION'S FUND.

DR.

Raised for the Increase of the Bishop's Permanent Fund.

1839	To Investments	\$644 00
	Incidental Expenses	32 94
		<u>\$676 94</u>

Amount of Fund, \$4,144.

CR.

1839	By cash received on account of Principal during the year	\$389 74
	on account Interest	259 22
	Balance	27 98
		<u>\$676 94</u>

Note—In the Journal of 1839, page 40, instead of \$3,959, it should be \$3,889, the amount of the fund.

Mr. Jervey presented the following Report of the Committee appointed for the increase of the Bishop's Fund.

At the last meeting of the Convention, it was resolved, That the committee on the increase of the Bishop's Permanent Fund, be continued,

that the number be increased by the appointment of one Layman from each congregation represented in the Convention ; and that the Chairman of said Committee be requested to notify the members of their appointment, and to solicit their co-operation in behalf of the object.

In obedience to the same, the Chairman now respectfully reports, that he addressed a circular to the members of the Committee, and extended the same to the friends of the Church in different parts of the Diocese, but it is his painful duty to add, that little apparent benefit has resulted from the efforts made—ten dollars only have been received, and deposited in Bank, subject to the disposal of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted.

Feb. 14, 1840.

JAMES JERVEY, *Chairman.*

The Certificate in behalf of the Bishop elect, required by the 3rd Canon of 1832, being furnished by the Secretary, a committee was appointed to obtain the signatures of a constitutional majority, which being done, it was committed to the Secretary in charge for the Standing Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Standing Committee be authorized to take such measures as shall be necessary for the consecration of the Bishop elect.

Resolved, further, That the Presiding Bishop be requested to have the service of Consecration performed in this city at St. Philip's Church, if practicable ; and that the Treasurer of the Convention be authorized to pay the expenses necessary to the same.

The Rev. P. Trapier, in behalf of the Committee on the Episcopal School, respectfully informed the Convention, "that they have prepared a Report, but in consequence of the lateness of the hour, and the importance of the subject entrusted to them, they request that the whole may be retained as a matter, upon which a Committee may report at the next Convention.

Respectfully submitted.

P. TRAPIER, *Chairman.*

On motion, *Resolved*, That the same Committee be continued, and others appointed to fill the vacancies in the same.

The following are the Committee—the Rev. Messrs. Phillips, C. Hanckel, Trapier, Wallace, Spear and Young ; Messrs. S. Wragg, C. G. Memminger, I. M. Campbell, A. H. Belin, Benj. Huger, John Phillips.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorised to pay to the Sexton of St. Michael's, \$3 per day, for his attendance on this Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to the President, for the diligent and efficient manner in which he has performed the duties of his office.

On motion, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

PAUL T. GERVAIS, *President.*

WILLIAM W. SPEAR, *Secretary.*

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Trinity Church, Columbia.

The Rev. Peter J. Shand, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 23 white children; total, 24. Mariages, 2 white; 4 colored; total, 6. Burials, 11 white; 1 colored; total, 12. Communicants, 62 white; 3 colored; total, 65. Non-communicants, 75 white; colored unknown. Children under 14, 70 white; colored unknown. Families, 45 white; 3 colored; total, 48. Children catechised 12 times, about 30. Sunday-School, 6 teachers, from 30 to 40 white children. Public worship, 50 Sundays; 35 other days; total, 85.

REMARKS.—Eleven communicants have been added to the Church, of whom, nine were new, and two were communicants before coming to the Parish. In the number of 65, put down in this Report as the aggregate number of communicants, are embraced five or six who have died or left the State, within the year. The usual contributions to the Bishop's fund, and the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, have been made, and an amount almost equal to that obtained last year, have been raised for missionary purposes, by means of the system of "Church offerings," which still is in successful operation.

Of the extent of spiritual good accomplished during the year, the Rector is unable to speak. He has endeavored continually to look to God for His blessing on his efforts, and can only humbly trust that his "labors have not been in vain in the Lord."

Prince William's Parish.

Rev. Stephen Elliott, Sen. Rector.

Baptisms—11 colored adults; 3 white children; 5 colored children; total, 19. Mariages, 3 whites. Burials, 4 white. Communicants, 30 white; 20 colored; total, 50. Non-communicants, 25 white. Children under 14, 45. Families, 22. Children catechised in the Sunday-School. Sunday-School Teachers, 5; Scholars, 25. Public worship at Sheldon Church, 23 Sundays; Sheldon Chapel, 23 Sundays; 20 other days; total, 78.

REMARKS.—In addition to the regular services reported, missionary services were held weekly for the indigent white and colored population. There is cause for gratitude to God, that he has not left us without a blessing, but has granted us a "season of refreshing from his presence." Four whites and eleven colored have been added to the communion. Five hundred dollars were contributed, in aid of the missionary cause, and a similar amount is pledged for the present year.

Prince George's Parish, Winyaw.

The Rev. P. Trapier Keith, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 2 white children; total, 3. Marriages, 2 white; 1 colored; total, 3. Burials, 4 white; 3 colored; total, 7. Communicants, 54 white; 15 colored; total, 69. Non-communicants, about 45 white. Children under 14, about 50 white. Families, 40 white. Children catechised 10 days. Sunday-School Teachers, 3. Scholars, 17 white. Public worship at the Church in Georgetown, about 30 Sundays; and about 30 other days. At North Island, 12 Sundays; total, 72.

St. David's, Cheraw.

The Rev. Alex. W. Marshall, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white adults; 3 colored adults; 6 white children; 34 colored children; total, 45. Marriages, 1 white. Burials, 4 white. Communicants, 25 white; 3 colored; total, 28. Non-communicants, 34 white; colored, uncertain. Children under 14, 45 white; colored, uncertain. Families, 23 white. Sunday-School Teachers, 6. Scholars, 25 white; colored, uncertain. Public worship, 49 Sundays; 3 other days; whole number of times, 101.

REMARKS.—Our little flock continue to manifest their strong attachment to the Church, by their regular attendance on her service, which lead the Rector to hope, that before long, the number of communicants will be increased. The communion has been administered on the first Sunday of every month, and the children have been catechised on every second Sunday of the month.

The Ladies Sewing Society connected with the congregation, has presented the Church with a Stove, which adds much to the comfort of the worshippers. Some efforts have been made to purchase an Organ, and from the subscription already raised, we are encouraged to believe, that with a little more aid, one of a suitable kind might be obtained.

The "Church offerings" have been collected on the second Sunday of every month, and appropriated between the two societies (Domestic and Foreign) of the Church, and the Missionary Society of our Diocese. We have, however, reason to fear, that unless due care is observed, we shall be found sadly deficient as regards the duty of meeting the wants of those sent forth by our Societies, to spread the great truths of revelation. Religious instruction has been given regularly to the colored people of three plantations by the Rector, and from evidence clearly witnessed, he cannot but believe, that some of them will be induced to guard against the snares of the evil one. We continue to experience losses through emigration. Since our last report, a family left us for the West, and another is expected soon to remove.

St. Luke's Parish.

The Rev. A. Woodward, Minister.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 1 white infant; total, 2. Burials, 1 white adult. Communicants, 17 white; 14 colored; total, 31. Non-communicants, 28 whites. Families, 21 white. Children under 14 years of age, 26 white; colored, not known. Public worship at the Bluff, 10 Sun-

days; at Parish Church, 5 Sundays; at Zion's Chapel, on Hilton Head, 11 Sundays; 1 other day; total, 27.

REMARKS.—Commenced ministerial duties here in June last. For about eighteen months previous, this little flock has been destitute of a regular Pastor. The attendants on Divine service, though small in number, appear to be attentive and devout. Two white persons have been added to the communion; and one who some time since had withdrawn, has returned to the Church.

Exchanged pulpits twice with the Rev. Mr. Dupont of Grahamville. Officiated several times among the colored people on a neighboring plantation, and on Hilton Head.

Trinity Church, Society Hill.

The Rev. John Burke, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white child; 1 colored; total, 2. Communicants, 10; Non-communicants, 18. Children under 14, 17. Families, 8. Children catechised three times a week, 6. Public worship every Sunday, save three, on which occasions the congregation were prevented from attending by the inclemency of the weather.

Contributed to the Bishop's Permanent Fund, by four families, One Hundred Dollars. Hangings for the pulpit and desk presented by one of the congregation.

St. Paul's Church, Pendleton.

The Rev. William T. Potter, Rector.

The Rector of this Church has no material change in his parish to lay before the Convention. The general condition of this Church, is, on the whole, prosperous and improving. The greatest harmony and brotherly love has prevailed since my connection with this parish, and continues. The attendance at public worship for morning and evening service on Sunday, and a weekly Friday lecture, has been uniformly good. From the first of May until the middle of November, there are from 25 to 30 families embraced in his cure. There has always been a laudable zeal manifested by the members of the Church, in keeping up the religious instruction of the Sunday School, comprising 15 teachers, and from 45 to 60 children. The usual attendance at the Lord's Supper, varies from 45 to 50, occasioned by the temporary residence of communicants from other Churches. Two valued and lamented members have died since the last report, and one has been added. He has brought within the pale of Christ's Church, by baptism, 5 infants; married one couple, and buried 2 adults, and 1 infant of parents now resident. The missionary contribution was \$216, which is an increase upon the amount collected any previous year. There were several candidates, expecting to ratify their baptismal vows at the anticipated visit of our late beloved and lamented Diocesan; his removal, by the great Head of the Church, to the higher worship of the temple above, caused the postponement. On the third Sunday in April, the renewal of my services is expected, which will be realized, unless providentially prevented. That the Divine blessing may so attend my labors, as to enable me to report a great and deci-

ded improvement in the spiritual condition of this parish, is my earnest, anxious wish and prayer.

Christ Church, Greenville.

The Rev. C. C. Pinckney, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white adults; 13 children; total 15. Marriages 2. Burials 4. White Communicants 28; Non-communicants 50. Children under 14, 40 white. Families 32. Children catechised on five days, 30 white. Sunday School Teachers, 9; Scholars 33. Public Worship, 42 Sundays; 25 other days; whole number of times, 105.

REMARKS.—The congregation of Christ Church has been increased during the year, by the addition of *five* families, and every pew is now occupied. *Eight* have been added to the list of communicants.

The "Church offerings" have been regularly collected, and amount to \$65.

A sermon was preached in aid of the "Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina," and \$14 collected, and eight annual subscribers obtained.

St. Paul's, Stono; and St. Paul's Church, Summerville.

The Rev. Philip Gadsden, Rector.

Baptisms—3 white. Marriage, 1 white. Burials, 3 white. Communicants, 12 white; Non-communicants, 21. Children under 14, 20 white. Families, 14. Children catechised on the Sundays in Summerville, 8. Public worship at St. Paul's, Stono, 16 Sundays; at St. Paul's, Summerville, 35 Sundays.

REMARKS.—The number of families, communicants, adults, and children under 14, that attend our Churches, exceeds what is set down in the table; but then these cannot be said strictly to belong to our Church. They occasionally attend our services, when prevented from attending on those, to whom they are more particularly attached. Our congregations, from this cause, during the past summer, have amounted to something like 60; our communicants to three or four more than the tabular form represents; and our families to about 21.

Christ Church, Wilton.

The Rev. J. H. Fowles, Rector.

Families, 20 white; colored unknown. Baptisms, 1 white adult; 1 white child; 22 colored adults; 10 colored children; total 34. Confirmed, 3 whites; 20 colored; total 23. Communicants, 25 white; 44 colored; total 69. Burial, 1 white child. Catechised, about 50 colored children.

REMARKS.—The Church was open, throughout the *summer* of the past year, for the first time. The services were intended chiefly for the colored persons; although usually a white congregation assembled, about half as large as that which attends in winter. The responses were read first from the desk, and afterward repeated by the negroes; and the progress of several in committing the anthems to memory, was encour-

aging. Between two and three hundred of the blacks were commonly present, and the religious interest excited among them, was great, and apparently unfeigned. The five or six hours of each Sunday, during which the Rector was present at the Church, were occupied in catechising, in holding service, and in privately conversing with such as were inquiring "what they must do to be saved." The effect of these efforts, through grace, has been, so far as we can judge, not only a considerable increase on the list of communicants, but likewise an addition to the number of such as shall be saved; which has been evidenced, thus far, by their bringing forth fruits meet for repentance, and thus gaining the esteem of their masters. It may be proper however to notice, that several additions to the Church have been made of those, who were previously ignorant, and therefore prejudiced, members of other denominations; and some of these are now regarded as among the most worthy and trusted communicants.

The gentlemen of the congregation have expressed themselves pleased with the result of the last summer's experiment among their people, and are desirous of having the arrangement permanent. And there is no service, to which the Rector will devote himself more cheerfully and faithfully, than the preaching the gospel to these poor.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville.

The Rev. Thomas C. Dupont, Rector.

Baptisms—2 colored adults; 9 white children; total 11. Marriages, 4 white; 1 colored; total 5. Burials, 11 white; 4 colored; total 15. Communicants, 22 white; 36 colored, total 58. Non-communicants, 34 white; colored, not known. Children under 14, 32 white; colored not known. Families, 21 white; colored, not known. Children catechised 5 days, average 4 white. Sunday School teachers and Scholars, no account kept. Public worship at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 47 Sundays, 16 other days; on the plantations, 16 times; and at colored Sunday School, 21.

Prince William's Mission to Colored People.

The Rev. B. C. Webb, Missionary.

Baptisms—46 adults; 8 children; total 54. Marriages 2. Burials 15. Communicants 106. Plantations 10; slaves (adults and children) about 800. Children catechised once a fortnight, but at the residence of the Missionary, two or three times a week, in the winter and spring. Divine Service held at each station, once a fortnight on Sundays.

REMARKS.—The operations of this year, have been similar to those of the last. In the performance of labor, some unavoidable interruptions occurred. No permanent changes has taken place with the mission, still it was called to suffer loss, by the deaths of a goodly number of its communicants, (11) and by the removal of many of its people. But to compensate for these losses, two (2) new patrons have joined the mission, and forty (40) have been added to its communion, and there are now 72 candidates on probation.

One Church has been erected, which good example, it is hoped, will be soon followed by others. A neat set of communion plate has been presented by the patrons.

God has been pleased thus far to prosper the mission; it is in favor with patrons and people. I hope the spiritual improvement of its members is progressing. I have had to repel four communicants, one of whom has been restored. With a few exceptions, the communicants "witness a good confession before the world," and some of those who were called to eternity, glorified the Saviour in their death. I cannot speak of any thing like general reformation among the people of my charge. The mission has not had *time* to produce such an effect. I can say, that individuals have been reformed, and the work of reformation begun is going on, and I believe will go on, for the work is the Lord's, and he will prosper his cause.

Church on Edisto Island, and St. Stephen's, Edingsville.

The Rev. C. E. Leverett, Rector.

Baptisms—2 colored adults; 3 white children; total 5. Marriage, 1 white. Burials, 7 white. Communicants, 43 white; 10 colored; total 53. Non-communicants, 46 white. Children under 14, 69 white. Families, 30 white. No. of children catechised, 44; on four Sundays, 4. Confirmed by the Bishop, 1. Sunday-School teachers, 7; Scholars, 44. Public worship at Edisto Church, 27 Sundays, 2 other days; total 29; at St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville, 44 Sundays, 21 other days; total 65; whole number of times, 94.

REMARKS.—So far as numbers and attention to the preached word are evidences of prosperity, the Minister can speak very favorably of the condition of the small Church he continues to serve. The congregation, since the last report, has considerably enlarged, and at no time, for many years, in the particulars referred to, has exhibited a more promising aspect. By marriages, and by re-settlements among us of two households, the number of families belonging to the winter Church, has increased from *sixteen to twenty-two*, which, with eight attending the summer one, makes our whole number, *thirty*. We have, however, to lament the apparent withholding of the Divine blessing on our humble ministrations; for souls are not gathered in, nor yet are inquirers asking, *that they may see Jesus*. Nevertheless, our prayer is, that the Lord, the Holy Spirit would breathe on us, and cause our wilderness to bear abundantly, and blossom as the rose.

By permission of all the Church, the Minister, during the summer, has monthly, visited the Island, and preached exclusively to the negroes. He also, every Sunday morning after the regular service, delivers an extemporaneous discourse to as many as shall be assembled. These are necessarily but few, as the space allowed them is very small, there being no galleries to the winter Church. Were there ample accommodations, many, we have reason to think, would attend, who do not now feel encouraged,—or were a Minister permitted to visit the different plantations, as is allowed in the neighboring parishes, in order to present the gospel to such as cannot, or will not attend the Sunday services, we may not doubt but that happy results would follow. Might not the avowed Chris-

tians who favored this evident duty, themselves be spiritually prospered, and might not others thus through them, receive a blessing from the Lord?

The plan of obtaining individual subscriptions for the cause of missions, happily, the previous year, substituted for that of "Church offerings," is still followed; and though (while many have) some, whom God has abundantly blessed, have not yet contributed, their Minister still trusts that they may be constrained by the love of Christ, to act on that precious saying of the Lord, "*It is more blessed to give than to receive,*" and thus be instrumental in "*preaching the gospel to every creature,*" and in bringing many sons and daughters unto glory.

A library for the separate use of the Ministers of this Church, has been commenced, and is gradually enlarging. It numbers at present about eighty volumes.

Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.

The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Rector.

Baptisms—1 colored adult; 3 white children; 2 colored children; total 6. Marriages, 2 white; 1 colored; total 3. Burials, 4 white. Families, 16 white. Communicants, 20 white. Public worship 22 Sundays, 1 other day; whole number of times, 45.

REMARKS.—In addition to the services performed at Grace Church, I have officiated at the Parish Church of St. Thomas and St. Denis (since the last Convention) on 7 Sundays, and baptized two white children. Also, at St. Augustine, (Florida) on 4 Sundays, and Christmas day, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and baptized two children.

St. James' Church, James Island.

The Rev. Cranmore Wallace, Rector.

Baptisms—4 white children. Burial, 1 white. Communicants, 10 white; 2 colored; total 12. Non-communicants, 15 white. Children under 14, 15 white. Families, 8 white. Public worship at St. James', 15 Sundays, 1 other day; total 16; at the Episcopal Church, 14 Sundays; whole number of times, 30.

REMARKS.—Divine service was performed here every Sunday but one during the winter, and until I entered upon the duties of a mission into the interior; since only occasionally by me. During summer, our chapel at Johnsonville was kept open by two candidates for Orders, licensed as lay-readers.

Report of the Rev. Cranmore Wallace, Missionary to "Destitute Parishes and other places."

I entered on this mission the 15th of April, since which time I have baptized 17 white children, and held Divine service and preached 102 times. I have officiated in the following places, besides three times in Charleston on the afternoon of Sundays, (the morning being spent on James Island) two missionary lectures also in Charleston, and one Sunday at Columbia—these places not being included in the mission—Barn-

well District, near Midway, 8 times; ten miles from do. 10; Court House, 4; Blackville, 2; Aiken, 1. Edgefield District—Trinity Church, 12. Abbeville District—Court House, 3; Greenwood, 1; Cokesbury, 4. Anderson District—Court House, 1. Laurens District—Court House, 1. Newberry District—Court House, 1. Fairfield District—Winnsboro', 24; Aimwell M. H. 1; Dubose settlement, 8. Chester District—Chesterville, 5; Republican M. H. S. James Island—St. James' Church, 1; Chapel, Johnsonville, 5.

In the Dubose Settlement, 8 miles above Winnsboro', a congregation has been regularly organized, delegates chosen to the Convention, \$450 subscribed towards the support of a Minister, and a pledge given that a Church shall be built. Near Midway, subscriptions have been taken up for building a Church, and it is expected to be erected in a few months. In Chester District, near the Catawba, much interest has been excited, and it is very desirable that that neighborhood should continue one of our fields of missionary labor. The general results of this mission have been highly encouraging; and in reliance on the Divine blessing, we may hope that it will be the means, if continued, of adding several congregations to our Diocese.

St. Andrew's Parish.

The Rev. J. Stuart Hanckel, Minister.

Baptism, 1 white child. Burials, 1 white; 1 colored. Communicants, 22 white; colored, not ascertained. Non-communicants, 47 white. Children under 14, 27 white. Families, 30 white, Public worship 23 Sundays, 2 other days; total 25.

REMARKS.—The colored attendants on public worship receive further instruction after service on every Lord's day. Three of the estates in the parish have been placed under the pastoral care of the Minister, and have been visited by him at least once a fortnight during the winter months. A collection was taken up at the doors of the Church in aid of the General Theological Seminary, amounting to \$70, and another for missionary purposes, amounting to \$35.

St. Helena Island.

The Rev. David McElheran, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 1 white child; total 2. Marriage, 1 white. Burial, 1 white. Communicants, 24 white. Non-communicants, 30 white. Children under 14, 22 white. Families, 22 white. Children catechised during summer. Sunday School teachers, 2; Scholars, 10 white; 12 colored; during summer only. Public worship at the Central Church, 51 Sundays; 4 other days; total 55; at St. Helenaville Church, 23 Sundays, 20 other days; total 43; whole number of times, 98.

St. Matthew's Parish.

The Rev. Richard Johnson, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white children. Burials, 3. Marriage, 1. Communicants, 16 white; 4 colored. Non-communicants, 31 white. Families, 15 white. Children under 14, 38 white. Number of children in Sunday School,

16 white ; teachers, 5. Children catechised 20⁰ Sundays, and in public, 5 Sundays. Public worship held in the Church, 40 Sundays : on plantations, 20 Sundays ; in the Churches on week days, 25 times ; whole number of times, 120.

REMARKS.—The parish has experienced no material change since the last report. One family has moved away, and two have been added. The subscriptions to missions are continued, and will soon be paid over to those appointed to receive them.

St. John's Parish, Berkley.

The Rev. Edward Thomas, Rector.

Baptisms—7 white children. Marriages, 2 white. Burials, 3 white. Communicants, 45 white ; 38 colored ; total 83. Non-communicants, 52 white. Children under 14, 94 white. Families, 40 white. Sunday School teachers, 3 ; scholars, 18 white ; 15 colored ; total 33. Public worship at Biggin Church, 14 Sundays, 1 other day ; at Strawberry Chapel, 14 Sundays, 1 other day ; at Whiteville and Cordesville, 24 Sundays ; whole number of times, 70.

REMARKS.—The Rector has again to report with regret, that ill health compelled him to leave his parish for several weeks during the last fall. It was a painful necessity which thus separated him, at an interesting season, from the people of his charge ; and he feels grateful for the indulgence which they extended towards him. At the same time, he desires to acknowledge, with devout thankfulness, that his health was so far renewed, as to enable him to resume his duties in the beginning of November, and to prosecute them thus far without intermission.

The Missionary contributions from this parish are small, in consequence of a great proportion of its members being attached to the city Churches, and having to answer the many calls made upon their liberality there. The Rector, however, would respectfully suggest, whether the parish from which their income is derived, should be forgotten in their benefactions, and left to appear backward in the race of Christian benevolence.

St. Philip's Parish, Charleston.

The Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D.D. Rector.

Baptisms—colored adults, 3 ; white infants, 36 ; colored infants, 20 ; total 59. Marriages, 6 white ; 13 colored ; total 19. Burials, 27 white ; 12 colored ; total 39. Communicants, 318 white ; 150 colored ; total 468. Non-communicants, 316 white ; colored, not ascertained. Children under 14, 305 white ; colored, not ascertained. Families, 285 white ; colored, not ascertained. Children catechised on 32 days, about 80 white ; 20 colored ; total 100. Confirmed by the Bishop, 14 white ; 15 colored ; total 29. Sunday School teachers, 23 white ; 12 colored ; total 45. Scholars, 122 white ; 165 colored ; total 287. Public worship 51 Sundays, 89 other days ; whole number of times, 199.

REMARKS.—*Catechising*.—It took place during the seasons of Lent and Advent, and in six other weeks in the autumn. Besides repeating the words of the Church catechism, the words of an explanatory catechism were also repeated.

Public worship.—The Church was closed for *one* Sunday, owing to the absence, from ill health, of the Rector, and other circumstances, (the like occurrence had been unknown for many years.) It was also closed on two, or it may be, three prayer days, but with these exceptions, there has been divine service twice on Sundays, and once or twice on all the fast and festival days, and fridays, during the year.

Libraries.—The parish library has been little encouraged, either by the reading of the valuable books it contains, or by adding to their number. From the Sunday School Library, books are constantly taken out by the children, and there have been added several volumes.

Charity.—The religious and charitable Societies (6 in number) connected with our diocese, or congregation, and the “Gospel Messenger,” the common object of which is “the advancement of Christianity,” have among their supporters, several members of St. Philip’s Church. There were collections in the Church on each of the communion days (15 in number) for the poor, and on the second Sunday of each month, for missionary purposes. For this latter object, collections were made from a number of pledged contributors, and the whole amount (\$2430) was divided among these objects, viz., the “Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, \$114; the Theological Seminary, \$255; Diocesan Domestic and Foreign Missions, \$2061. The quota for the Bishop’s fund (\$250) has been paid.

Miscellaneous.—There have been much fewer burials than in former years, but among them was one of our most active, useful and liberal Vestrymen,* and the amiable, learned, and devoted young gentleman who held the office of “Assistant Minister.”† His ministry among us was but for a few years, and became every day more and more acceptable, and useful, and by no one, out of his immediate family, is his loss more severely felt, than by him whom he so courteously and efficiently assisted in the services of this Church.

An organ made in London, the whole cost of which was about \$3500, has been recently provided.

Christ-Church Parish.

The Rev. Andrew Fowler, Rector.

Baptisms—5. Communicants, 12 white; 15 black. Children catechised, 12. Families, 12.

REMARKS.—I regularly officiated in the Mother Church once every Sunday, when the weather would permit, from the 1st of January, 1839, to the 1st of June following; and I officiated in St. Andrew’s Chapel, at Mount Pleasant, twice every Sunday, from the 1st of June to the 1st of July; when I was obliged, in order to regain my health, to go to the North. On my return in the autumn, I resumed my ministerial duties as usual in the Mother Church, and so concluded the year. I have now been Rector of this Parish about ten years. The Church and Chapel are both in good repair, and as it is probable this is the last Convention I shall ever attend, as being now nearly fourscore years old, I am happy that I have it in my power to say, the people have treated me with kindness and respect; and I thank God that I have never had any difficulties and contentions to arise among my brethren. I love and respect them.

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† Rev. A. Kaufman.

The congregation being few in number, they can do but little towards the decent and comfortable support of a Clergyman. We have no parsonage or glebe. Thomas Barksdale, Esq. is entitled to the gratitude of my parishioners, for his strict attention to the funds, and temporalities of our Church; and it is to be hoped, that at the close of my ministry, a Clergyman will meet with a reasonable living, as the funds are accumulating; the Vestry having passed a resolution, some years before I came into this Parish, that the interest of the fund should not be used, until it was adequate to the support of a minister, which will now be the case in a year or two, it is probable.

In the Mother Church, the pulpit, desk, and pews, were all made over last season, and Col. J. B. P'On made a present of a complete set of beautiful velvet hangings for the pulpit, the reading desk, and the altar, which could not have cost less than \$320. My worthy friend, John Hamlin, Esq. kindly catechised the children every Sunday, during my absence last summer. Though the congregation is small, they seem piously disposed, and, I trust, growing daily in grace, and the love of God; and I feel highly gratified that I can say I have never heard one of them complain of the length of our public Church service.

St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.

The Rev. Christian Hanckel, Rector.

The Rev. James S. Hanckel, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 36 white children; 5 colored do.; total, 42. Marriages, 8 white; 5 colored; total, 13. Burials, 33 white; 4 colored; total, 37. Communicants, 245 white; 47 colored; total, 292. Non-Communicants, 365 white; 48 colored; total, 413. Children under 14, 297 white; 60 colored; total, 357. Families, 243 white; 44 colored; total, 287. Children catechised on 24 days, about 80 white; about 40 colored; total, about 120. Sunday-School Teachers, 25 white; Scholars, 111 white; 120 colored; total, 231. Public worship at St. Paul's, on each Lord's day, twice; Wednesdays, Fasts and Festivals; whole number of times, 195.

Claremont Parish.

The Rev. A. L. Converse, Rector.

Baptisms—24 colored children. Burials, 4 white. Communicants, 21 white; 32 colored; total, 53. Non-communicants, 41 white. Children under 14, 44 white. Families, 25 white. Children catechised on 10 days, 13 white. Public worship at Claremont, 47 Sundays; 3 other days; total, 50.

REMARKS.—One white Communicant died, and one added. Six colored Communicants added. The Holy Sacrament administered once in every two months.

Grace Church, Camden.

The Rev. Edward Phillips, Rector.

Baptisms.—8 white children. Burials, 1. Communicants, 30 white. Non-communicants, 40. Children under 14, 72 white. Families, 22 white. Children catechised on 6 days 35 white. Sunday-School Teach-

ers, 6 white. Scholars 30 white. Public worship, at Grace Church, 24 Sundays; 4 other days; whole number of times, 52.

REMARKS.—The Rector travelled through various parts of Europe, for a year, in search of health. During his absence, the Clergy of the Parishes, contiguous to Camden, very kindly lent their aid, and officiated occasionally in Grace Church. Being providentially restored to health, the Rector returned to his field of duty in July last. And it is from this date that the report is now made to the Convention.

It may be remarked that Divine Service, in addition to that of the Lord's day, is held on every Friday morning; and on the usual Fast and Festivals. Accessions have been made to the Communion. The Sunday-School is in useful operation. A Bible class has been commenced; and the prospect is encouraging of continued improvement in the spiritual condition of the Parish.

All Saint's Parish, Waccamaw.

The Rev. Alexander Glennie, Rector.

Baptisms—70 adults, colored. Children, 6 white; 137 colored; total, 213. Marriages, 1 colored. Burials, 5 white; 1 colored; total, 6. Communicants, 25 white; 86 colored; total, 111. Non-communicants, 22 white. Children under 14, 49 white. Families, 17 white. Children catechised, 15 white; 230 colored; total, 245. Sunday-School Teachers, 2 white. Scholars, 16 white. Public worship in the Upper Church, 16 Sundays; 1 other day; total, 17. Lower Church, 13 Sundays, 2 other days; total, 15. Summer residence, 20 Sundays; whole number of times, 60. Divine Service on ten plantations, for the negroes, 126 times.

Wateree Mission.

The Rev. N. B. Scriven, Missionary.

Baptisms—2 colored adults; 3 white children; 29 colored children; total, 34.

REMARKS.—The condition of this Mission continued favorable until the 15th of May, on which day, my official connexion with it was dissolved, by reason of domestic affliction and ultimate bereavement. We humbly trust that the people of God have since then continued steadfast; and although without the regular administrations of the Word and Sacraments, the Lord has graciously smiled upon the Mission.

St. John's and St. Stephen's Parishes.

The Rev. D. I. Campbell, Minister.

Baptisms—13 white children. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. Communicants, 49 white; 3 colored; total, 52. Non-communicants, 57 white. Families, 34. Public worship in Pineville, 32 Sundays; 1 other day. Black Oak, 10 Sundays; 1 other day. The Rocks, 10 Sundays; 1 other day; whole number of times, 55.

REMARKS.—Divine Service was held in the three Churches of these two Parishes, regularly, as formerly, and occasionally on seven plantations.

Thirty dollars collected in the Spring for charity, and the Public Institutions of the Church were applied accordingly; to the Bishop's Permanent Fund, Theological Seminary, and Episcopal Society.

City-Mission Chapels.

The Rev. Paul Trapier, Missionary.

The Rev. R. T. Howard, Assistant Missionary.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 15 white children; 5 colored children; total, 21. Marriages, 8 white; 2 colored; total, 10. Burials, 25 white; 8 colored; total, 33. Communicants, 82 white; 9 colored; total, 91, being an increase of 12. Non-communicants, 130 white; 10 colored; total, 140. Children under 14, 150 white; 15 colored; total, 165. Families, 95 white; 10 colored; total, 105. Children catechised, last Sunday of every month, 60 white; 10 colored; total, 70. Confirmed by the Bishop, 13 white. Sunday-School Teachers, 17 white. Scholars, 130 white; 50 colored; total, 180. Public worship at St. Stephen's, every Sunday in the year; 12 other days; whole number of times, 110; St. John's, 13 Sundays; whole number of times, 18.

REMARKS.—In February last, Divine Service was begun by us in a school-room in Hampstead, and in that suburb, another chapel, about the size of St. Stephen's, but of wood, has since been built, costing about \$4000, of which \$300 are still due. It has been provided by several friends with a chalice and patten of silver, a Bible and Prayer-book for the desk; and a set of hangings. It was opened on the 13th of October, and awaits consecration. Few are, as yet, in attendance, but the prospect is good of collecting in the course of one or two years a numerous congregation, of the class for whom the charity is intended, as many such are already in that neighborhood, and others are frequently driven thither by the high rents of houses in the city. Our services there and at our elder station have been less frequent, because of casualties befalling us and our brethren—but our Mission, though suffering in consequence, seems, on the whole, not less prosperous than hitherto.

St. Mark's Parish, Clarendon.

The Rev. Charles P. Elliott, Rector.

Baptisms—3 white children. Marriages, 2 white. Burials, 3 white. Communicants, 27 white. Non-communicants, 59 white. Children under 14, 38 white. Families, 25 white. Children catechised, 26 white. Sunday-School Teachers, 5 white. Scholars, 26 white. Public worship at St. Mark's, 45 Sundays; 10 other days; total, 55.

REMARKS.—The general state of this Parish is nearly the same as reported to the last Convention. A tablet, bearing a suitable inscription to the donor of the Chapel, and which was then in progress, has been erected in the interior of the building. A new and excellent organ has been procured, which has been in use almost a twelve-month, and improves greatly the music of the Church. The measure adopted by the Vestry in 1836, which was then an experiment, but has now been tested by the experience of about four years, has proved to be a wise and judi-

cious measure that has been extremely conducive to the interest and prosperity of this Parish ; that measure is contained in a standing resolution of the Vestry.

“ *Resolved*, That the Rector of this Parish, for the time being, shall be *ex-officio* Chairman of the Vestry, with a right to vote in all cases, except when he is personally interested.”

The amount paid for the support of the Missions of our Church for 1839, is \$100.

St. Bartholomew's Parish.

The Rev. F. P. Delavaux, Rector.

Baptisms—5 white children. Marriages, 4 white. Burials, 3 white ; 2 colored ; total, 5. Communicants, 80 white ; 8 colored ; total, 88. Non-communicants, 38 white. Children under 14, 67 white. Families, 60 white. Children catechised every Sunday during summer. Sunday-School Teachers, 3 white. Scholars, 16 white. Public worship at Ashepo, 14 Sundays ; 2 other days ; at Walterboro', 32 Sundays ; whole number of times, 80.

St. Helena Church, Beaufort.

The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector.

Baptisms—10 white children. Marriages, 3 white. Burials, 3 white. Communicants, 116 white ; 33 colored. Non-communicants, 64 white. Children under 14, 150 white. Families, 53 white. Children catechised 8 Sundays. Sunday-School Teachers, 10 white ; 1 colored.—Scholars, 72 white ; 140 colored. Public worship, 52 Sundays ; whole number of times, 164.

REMARKS.—Our Sunday-School, during three months of the last summer, was under the sole conduct of the Rev. Professor Elliott, of South-Carolina College. A large number of children and adults attended, and much interest was manifested in the valuable instruction they received. For this work of faith, I labor of love by our Rev. Brother, the Church and Rector, are much and gratefully indebted.

Our congregation is increasing, and all the present pews occupied. It has become important to have our Church edifice enlarged. A subscription paper has been partially circulated, and generous subscriptions been made. I trust, ere long, to be permitted to report the accomplishment of our object, so desirable ; and with it a corresponding extension of the “Household of Faith” among us.

St. John's, Colleton.

The Rev. Thomas J. Young, Rector.

Baptisms—28 colored adults ; 2 white, 9 colored children ; total, 39. Marriages, 2 white. Communicants, 44 white ; 235 colored ; total, 279. Non-communicants, 46 white ; about 200 colored ; total, 246. Children under 14, 75 white ; number of colored, not known. Families, 36 white ; number of colored, not known. Confirmed by the Bishop, 10 white ; 110 colored ; total, 120. Public worship at St. John's Church, 27 Sundays ; 2 other days ; whole number of times, 52.

REMARKS.---During the past year, there has been an addition to the communion of thirty-four persons ; 3 white, and 31 colored. Eight white communicants, and three white families have removed from the Parish. Several colored communicants have died, and several are under suspension.

An absence of five months of the Rector, on account of health from his Church, will account for the small number of services reported ; for the omission of catechetical instruction, generally given in the summer, and for the temporary suspension of the Sunday-School.

The following sums have been contributed :

Missionary pledges,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$190 00
Colored congregation,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7 37½
Sunday School,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36 56¼
Total,								\$233 93¾

During the Rector's absence from his Parish, he officiated on 18 Sundays, and 9 other days. Whole number of times, 46. Most of those services were held at the Lime Stone Springs, Spartanburg district. The communion was administered once, when three persons were admitted for the first time. Baptism, 1. Burial, 1.

St. Peter's Church, Charleston.

The Rev. Wm. H. Barnwell, Rector.

Baptisms—17 white children; 1 colored; total 18. Marriages, 2 white; 2 colored; total 4. Burials, 16 white; 2 colored; total 18. Communicants, 159 white; 15 colored; total 174. Non-communicants, 190 white; 80 colored; total 270. Children under 14, 185 white; 50 colored; total 235. Families, 130 white; 44 colored; total 174. Children catechised 6 days, 40 white. Sunday School Teachers, 22 white; Scholars, 100 white; 120 colored; total 220. Public worship 52 Sundays, 55 other days; whole number of times, 194.

St. Michael's Church, Charleston.

The Rev. William W. Spear, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 2 colored; 26 white children; 5 colored; total 34. Marriages, 9 white; 3 colored; total 12. Burials, 15 white; 5 colored; total 20. Communicants, 250 white; 45 colored; total 295. Non-communicants, 186 white; 26 colored; total 212. Children under 14, 210 white; 45 colored; total 255. Sunday School Teachers, 17 white; Scholars, 83 white; 50 colored. Public worship on all Sundays, 104 times; Wednesdays, 50; Holy days, 36; Fridays, 10.

REMARKS.—This Church has been deprived of its chief officers, both in spiritual and temporal things. The Right Rev. Dr. Bowen, and David Alexander, Esq., became connected with St. Michael's, at nearly the same period, 40 years ago, and in their deaths they were divided, only by a little space of time. To the Chairman of the Vestry, this Church owes a debt of gratitude for much of its pecuniary comfort and order, and the late Rector has left behind him those sentiments of reverence and regret, which so long a ministry, unblemished by wrong, yet

chequered by sorrow, could not fail to awaken. After his death, the Assistant Minister was invited to become Rector. At his own request, he was left to the sole discharge of the duties of the Church, hoping that his bodily strength might be equal to the same, though conscious, in other respects, of "much weakness" and equal "fear." In the interval, little change has occurred in the condition or numbers of the congregation. The absence of very many during both the winter and summer months, must tend to make it stationary in all that is most interesting to a Christian pastor. The services performed, have been much the same as usual. There has been an increased attendance upon the Holy days. The season of Advent was marked by prayers and lectures on Wednesdays and Fridays, as hitherto usual in Lent. In the mode of performing public services, and the arrangements of parochial duty, the present Minister has exercised the discretion allowed him by the Church, and followed his own views of expediency, but without (he hopes) unnecessary opposition to the wishes and habits of so old a congregation, or the assumption of any higher authority than that which has been conceded to the former incumbents of his office.

The Sunday School has increased since the beginning of the year. In this the Rector catechises the children both personally, and by means of others in whom he has confidence, though it is his purpose to perform the same interesting duty "openly before the Church." From it he has formed a class of 15 girls, too old to participate longer in its exercises, in order to prepare them, by systematic instruction, in the doctrine of "Christ and the Church," for Confirmation and the Lord's Supper, hoping that this may be the means of facilitating in them all, the profession and practice of our holy faith.

The contributions of the congregation in their associated capacity, he hereby reports. Alms for the poor, collected on Sacramental occasions, have amounted to \$700. A collection was taken up on Thanksgiving Day, for the same end, of \$200. The quota for the Bishop's Fund, of \$350, has been paid from the funds of the Church. A collection of \$200 was made for the annual expenses of the General Seminary. The "Church offerings" amounted to \$700. \$280 were contributed to the relief of the Clergy of Michigan, in answer to Bishop McCoskry's appeal. The Sewing Society have contributed \$525 to various objects.

In conclusion, the Rector cannot but express his sense of the Divine goodness, in his personal safety and domestic peace, during a season which proved so distressing to the sister congregation of St. Philip's, depriving them of the services of a beloved brother, whose ministry in Charleston begun at nearly the same period with his own. He would bow before the unsearchable wisdom of Him, by whom one has been taken and another left—and in regard to the future, strive to remember, that we know not what a day may bring forth.

CONSTITUTION
OF
THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE
DIOCESE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA.

WHEREAS, in all Societies professing Christianity, the promotion of religion should primarily engage their sincere attention, as being the sure and only means of rendering them acceptable to Almighty God, and calling down his blessings upon them. And whereas, by General Conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in the United States of America, a Constitution and Canons have been formed, for the government and discipline of the same:

Be it therefore Resolved, That the following Constitution be agreed to, adopted, and observed, by the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this Diocese, for their government.

ARTICLE I.

Of Stated Meetings.

A stated Convention shall be held annually in Charleston, on the second Wednesday in every February, or at such time, and in such place, as shall have been determined upon by the preceding Convention; but if a sufficient number of Churches do not attend on the same day, the Representatives, whether Clergy or Laity, or any two of them assembled, shall have power to adjourn from day to day, until a quorum is formed; which shall consist of, at least, seven Churches.

ARTICLE II.

Of Lay-Delegates.

Delegates shall be elected by the respective Episcopal Churches, throughout the Diocese, from among the members of those Churches respectively, to represent them in the State Convention: the Delegates to be elected in such manner, time and numbers, as each Church shall deem proper; to serve twelve months from the time of election; who shall, before they are permitted to take their seats in Convention, produce written testimonials of their election.

ARTICLE III.

Of Ministers.

The Minister or Ministers, of every Episcopal Church, shall always be, *ex-officio*, a member, or members, of the Convention, with a right to vote on all matters requiring the suffrages thereof, with the exception of such as involve the temporal concerns of the Churches; but the right to vote on matters involving the temporal concerns of the Churches, shall, nevertheless, appertain to

such Clerical Member or Members, as may be specially authorized to do so, by his, or their Vestry, or other authority of his, or their Congregation, in the absence of their Lay-Delegate, or Lay-Delegates; but no Clerical or Lay-Delegate shall hereafter represent two distinct Parishes, or shall, in any case, have more than one vote.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Missionaries, and Clergymen engaged in Colleges, &c.

Every Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, employed in the Diocese, with the approbation of the Ecclesiastical authority of the same, and every duly recognized Minister of this Church, engaged in any College, or incorporated Academy in this Diocese, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a Member of the Convention, with the exception of the right to vote.

ARTICLE V.

Of the President.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be, *ex-officio* President of the Convention; in his absence, a presiding officer shall be elected from among the attending members.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Secretary and Treasurer.

A Secretary and Treasurer shall be annually chosen, (and continue in office until a successor be appointed,) who shall keep a true and correct Journal of the Proceedings; and regular accounts of all money transactions, to be annually laid before the Convention. It shall also be his duty to give notice to each Minister and Vestry, of the time and place appointed, for any stated, or special meeting of the Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

Of the Standing Committee.

A Standing Committee, consisting of an equal number of Clergymen and Laymen, shall be appointed at every regular meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and of the Constitution and Canons of the State Convention, who shall continue in office until another Committee be appointed. Vacancies in this Committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members.

ARTICLE VIII.

Special Meetings.

It shall be the duty of the Bishop, or in case of his absence, of the Standing Committee, to call a special meeting of the Convention, whenever he, or they, shall deem it necessary.

ARTICLE IX.

Of Voting in Convention.

In all matters requiring the suffrages of the Convention, with the exception contained in the Third Article of the Constitution, the members shall deliberate and vote as one body, but any two Clergymen or the Delegation from any two Churches, may call for a separate vote of each order, when the Clergy shall vote individually, (two or more Clergymen representing the same Church, having one vote,) and the Lay-Delegates by Churches, (a majority of each

Delegation having one vote,) and a majority of both Orders shall in each case be necessary to a decision.

ARTICLE X.

Trial of a Clergyman.

Wilful error in religion or deviation from the Rubric of the Church; charges of viciousness of life, and disorderly behavior, may be exhibited against a Clergyman, to the State Convention; and on clear and sufficient proof thereof, by *viva voce* evidence, on oath, duly administered in the Convention, or by a commission to take such, duly executed, such Clergyman shall be pronounced guilty or not guilty, as the Convention shall determine; and the Bishop shall proceed to admonish, censure, suspend, or degrade such Clergyman, as in his judgment, the nature of the case, or the usages, or interest of the Church, may require. And he shall, in the name of the Convention, inform the Vestry or Congregation, of the Church, in which such Minister is officiating at the time, of such censure, suspension, or degradation.

ARTICLE XI.

Of the admission of Churches or Parishes into the Convention.

Whenever a Church or Parish, not now entitled to a representation, shall be desirous of uniting with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese, they shall apply, by letter, to the Bishop, or when there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, stating the due organization of their Church, the election of their Vestrymen and Church Wardens, their means, or prospects, for the support of a Minister, and their willingness to conform to the Constitutions and Canons of the General Convention, and the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of this Diocese, which are now, or hereafter may be enacted by authority of the same. And at the Convention next succeeding the receipt of such application, the Bishop or Standing Committee shall communicate the same to the Convention, for their decision thereon. Should the Convention make a favorable decision, the said Church shall then be considered in union with the Convention of the Church of this Diocese, and Delegates therefrom may be immediately received.

ARTICLE XII.

Chartered Rights of Churches.

No Article, Canon, Rule, or other Regulation, of any General or State Convention, shall be obligatory on any Episcopal Church within this Diocese, where the same shall be found to infringe on any of its chartered rights.

ARTICLE XIII.

Of Delegates to the General Convention.

To the intent that the Church in this Diocese shall not be unrepresented in the General Convention, the Clerical or Lay-Delegate, or Delegates, who may be hereafter nominated thereto, shall, in the absence of one or more of their colleagues, be empowered to nominate and appoint, in the place of such absent Delegate, or Delegates, any citizen or citizens of this State: *Provided*, That such citizen, or citizens, is, or are, a member, or members, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese; or if it be inconvenient for any Delegate or Delegates to proceed to the place of meeting, the Bishop is authorized to appoint others in their place.

ARTICLE XIV.

Of Rites and Ceremonies.

"The Book of Common Prayer, and Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America," shall be used in this Diocese.

ARTICLE XV.

How the Constitution shall be altered.

No one of these Articles shall be altered or repealed, nor shall any article be adopted, unless such alteration, repeal, or new Article, be proposed at one Convention, and concurred in by two-thirds of the Churches present, at a subsequent Convention.

CANON I.

On Making Collections for the Bishop's Fund.

Every Minister having a Parochial Charge in this Diocese, or his Assistant, shall, from time to time, at his discretion, preach in every Church under his care, a sermon on the nature and duties of the Episcopal Office; and the Vestry of each Church are requested to make a collection annually, in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund; or in lieu of such collection, the Minister and Vestry of such Church may substitute an annual contribution.—*Passed 1822. Amended 1826.*

CANON II.

Provided for an accurate view of the State of the Church.

Every Minister having a Parochial Charge in this Diocese, shall, at or before the meeting of every Annual Convention, deliver, or transmit to the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, an accurate statement, in writing, of the number of Baptisms, Burials, and Marriages, in his Parish, or Church, during the year ending on the 1st of January preceding; specifying the number of places where and how often in each, Divine Service is held; the number of Families, Communicants, Adults, and Children under 14 years, attending, or belonging to the same; the number catechised by him, and on how many Sundays; whether there be any Sunday School, and if any, the number of Children and Teachers, and the subjects of instruction in the same; and generally, all such other matters as may tend to throw light on the state of the Church under his care; which reports shall be laid before the Convention, and entered on the Journals, conformably to the 51st General Canon.—*Passed 1825.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

UPON THE

CONSTITUTIONS, CANONS, &c.

The Committee appointed agreeably to the proceedings of the late Convention, have endeavored to fulfil the purpose of their appointment. They have had three several meetings. At the first, they took under consideration the Rules of Order in the Convention, and agreed upon the recommendation of many, in addition to such as already existed, and the modifications, in some particulars, of several of those. At their next meeting, they proceeded to the consideration of the Constitution of the Church and after sitting long together upon this, referred it, with the alterations seeming to be necessary, to a sub-committee of three; whose report was submitted to a meeting duly summoned, of the whole committee, on the 7th of May, and again to an adjourned meeting on the 27th of the same month—and after due deliberation, and some amendments, adopted as that which should be communicated to the Clergy and Vestries of the Diocese, preparatory to the action on it of the next annual Convention.

The Committee hope that their report will find a favorable reception with their brethren. They have spent on it much time and care. They were not so happy, as to be unanimous in their opinion upon every point, or even upon some, to which, in the minds of a minority, considerable importance seemed to attach. They arrived, however, at the conclusion of their work, with an unbroken harmony of feeling, and look with anxiety to the action on it, of their brethren assembled in Convention, in the hope that it may be characterized by the same spirit of mutual concession and accommodation, which, where differences of opinion existed, prevailed in the Committee; and that all the discussions which it may involve, may be brought to issue, if not in a perfect unanimity, yet in the satisfaction and cheerful acquiescence of all.

The Committee found the Constitution in some, although not many, particulars, to require alteration. Many years had elapsed since it had been framed; and the circumstances of a scarcely organized Diocese, and of a day, in some respects, peculiarly marked, in this portion of the yet new Independent United States, had been changed for others widely different; to which the provisions of the Constitution as it is, either, were now not applicable, or for which they were not necessary. They have endeavored, however, not unnecessarily to alter any thing, nor to recommend for adoption, any thing, which did not seem to them imperiously necessary.

It will be seen, that in relation to the trial of Clergymen, the Committee have prepared for the consideration of the Convention, the most

material of the changes of the Constitution, which they have agreed to submit—and that they have embodied in Canons what seemed to be proper and requisite, in relation to this matter, rather than let it remain as part of the Constitution. Into these Canons, they have borrowed much of what has been made the Rule of the Church, in Connecticut, New-York, and Virginia. It is proper for the Committee to state that, although the names of all of them accompany this report, as that on which in general, and in almost all particulars, they were united in sentiment, yet that a minority will oppose its adoption, without some amendment, in points held to be important.

N. BOWEN,
PAUL T. GÉRAIS,
CHRIST'R E. GADSDEN,
THOMAS J. YOUNG,

} Committee. }

SAMUEL WRAGG,
JAMES L. PETIGRU,
N. RUSSELL MIDDLETON,
ALLARD H. BELIN.

July, 1839.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

ARTICLE I.

Of acceding to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in South-Carolina accedes to, recognizes and adopts the general Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

Of Stated Meetings.

A stated Convention shall be held annually in Charleston, on the second Wednesday in February, or at such time and in such place as shall have been determined upon by the preceding Convention.

ARTICLE III.

Of Members of Convention.

SECTION 1.—The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

SECTION 2.—The Minister, or Ministers of every Episcopal Church, in union with this Convention, shall always be *ex-officio*, a member, or members of this Convention, with a right to vote on all matters requiring the suffrages thereof: *Provided*, that no Clergyman shall be entitled to a vote in Convention, unless he have been actually, as well as canonically resident within this Diocese for the space of twelve calendar months

next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station : *Provided*, also, that no Clergyman, otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

SECTION 3.—Every other Clergyman of the Church, being a Missionary, officiating under the sanction of the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese ; or being a Chaplain in the Army, or Navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution ; or being an instructor of youth in any Seminary of learning, constituted by civil or ecclesiastical authority in this Diocese ; or being prevented by age and infirmities from exercising his clerical functions, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of this Convention, with the exception of the right to vote.

Proposed to prefix the following words:—" The Bishop, the Assistant Bishop, when there is one, and"

Proposed to add the following:—" On matters involving the temporal concerns of Churches, the provisions of the 2nd Section of this Article, shall also apply to this Section.

SECTION 4.—Lay-Delegates, not exceeding four (4) in number, shall be elected by the respective Episcopal Churches, in union with this Convention, from among the members of those Churches respectively, to represent them in Convention ; the Delegates to be elected in such manner and time, as each Church shall deem proper, to serve for one stated Convention. They shall, before they are permitted to take their seats in Convention, produce written testimonials, of their election. For special Conventions, special elections shall be held.

Proposed to amend, by striking out the words—" not exceeding four in number"—striking out the words "and time," and substituting "time and number"—and by adding the words, but in no case shall any Church have more than one vote by their Lay Representation.

SECTION 5.—No Clerical or Lay-member shall, hereafter, represent two distinct Churches, or shall, in any case, have more than one vote.

Proposed to add the following Section:---" A Lay-member having taken his seat in the Convention as a Delegate from any Church, shall not (without the unanimous consent of the Convention) be permitted to relinquish his seat, and take a seat as the Delegate of another Church."

ARTICLE IV.

Of a Quorum.

Representatives, whether Clerical or Lay, of a majority of the Churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business generally ; but any number of either order that shall assemble, may adjourn, from day to day, until a quorum is formed.

Moved to amend, by striking out the words " a majority of the," and inserting the word " ten,"

Moved to amend this amendment by substituting the following. "Twelve Members of the Clerical Order and Lay-Representatives of twelve Churches."

ARTICLE V.

Of the President.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be, *ex-officio*, President of the Convention. But in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, a presiding officer shall be elected from among the attending Presbyters.

Moved to amend, by striking out all after the word "Episcopate," and substituting these words, "the President of the Standing Committee shall be the President of the Convention."

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Secretary.

A Secretary, who shall also be, *ex-officio*, Treasurer, shall be annually chosen, (and continue in office until a successor be appointed) who shall keep a true and correct Journal of the Proceedings of the Convention, attest its public acts, preserve its records, and give notice to each Minister and Vestry of the time and place appointed for any stated or special meeting of the Convention; and this notice shall be given at least six weeks before the meeting of such Convention. He shall also keep regular accounts of all money transactions, to be annually laid before the Convention, and shall faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers relative, and belonging to the Convention, which may be in his charge.

ARTICLE VII.

Of the Standing Committee.

SECTION 1.—A Standing Committee, consisting of five Presbyters of the Diocese, and five Laymen, taken indiscriminately from among the members of the Church in the Diocese, shall be appointed at every regular meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the Constitution and Canons of the General and Diocesan Conventions, who shall continue in office until another Committee be appointed.

Proposed to add the following:—"The Bishop shall have a right to object to the election of any five of those chosen, provided his objections are made before the adjournment of the Convention. Should he object to any, the Convention shall proceed as before to supply the place of those to whom objection is made."

SECTION 2.—At their first meeting after their appointment, they shall choose one of the Presbyters of their body to be their President; and another of their body to be their Secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep regular minutes of all the proceedings and business of the Committee, to preserve them carefully recorded in a book provided for that purpose alone, to preserve the originals of all letters and papers addressed to the Standing Committee, to attest their public acts, to perform such other duties as they may require, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Standing Committee, which may have been entrusted to him.

SECTION 3.—They shall present to each annual Convention an abstract of the minutes of their proceedings since the former Convention.

SECTION 4.—Vacancies in this Committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members, a majority of the whole Committee being necessary to constitute a choice.

ARTICLE VIII.

Of Special Meetings.

SECTION 1.—The Bishop, or, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a special meeting of the Convention; and such meeting shall be held where the authority calling it shall determine: and at such special meeting no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

SECTION 2.—No special meeting of the Convention shall be called for the election of a Bishop or Assistant-Bishop.

ARTICLE IX.

Of Voting in Convention.

On all questions, unless otherwise provided by the Constitution, the members shall deliberate and vote as one body; but any two Clergymen, or the Delegation from any two Churches, may call for a separate vote of each order, when the Clergy shall vote individually, (two or more Clergymen representing the same Church, having one vote,) and the Lay-Delegates by Churches, (a majority of each Delegation having one vote,) and a majority of both orders shall, in each case, be necessary to a decision.

Moved to amend by striking out the first parenthesis.

Moved to amend this amendment, by striking out the whole.

ARTICLE X.

Of the Election of a Bishop, or Assistant Bishop.

SECTION 1.—The election of a Bishop, or Assistant Bishop, of this Diocese, shall be made in Convention in the manner following:—The Clerical members, who have a right to vote, shall nominate and appoint, by ballot, (two or more Clergymen representing the same Church, having one vote) some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office; and thereupon, such appointment shall be presented to the Order of Lay-Delegates, and be considered by them; and if, on a ballot, (a majority of each delegation having one vote) it shall appear that the person, so nominated, is approved of by the Lay order, he shall be declared to be duly elected.

Moved to amend by striking out the first parenthesis.

SECTION 2.—In the above mentioned election, a majority of each Order shall determine a choice: *Provided*, that two-thirds (2-3) of all the Clergy entitled to vote, and two-thirds (2-3) of the Churches entitled to representation, be present; otherwise, two thirds (2-3) of the vote of each Order present, shall be necessary to determine a choice.

ARTICLE XI.

Of the Trial of a Clergyman.

A Clergyman shall be subject to trial, for offences enumerated in the Canon of the General Convention "*of offences for which Ministers shall be tried and punished,*" and in the Canons of this Convention. The trial shall be conducted according to the mode provided for by the Canons of this Convention.

ARTICLE XII.

Of the admission of Churches, or Parishes, into the Convention.

Whenever a Church, or Parish, not now entitled to a representation, shall be desirous of uniting with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese, they shall apply by letter to the Bishop, or when there is no Bishop, or he be absent, to the Standing Committee, stating the due organization of their Church, the election of their Vestrymen and Church Wardens, their means, or prospects, for the support of a Minister, and their willingness to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of this Diocese, which are now, or hereafter may be enacted by authority of the same. And, at the Convention next succeeding the receipt of such application, the Bishop, or Standing Committee, shall communicate the same to the Convention for their decision thereon. Should the Convention make a favorable decision, the said Church shall then be considered in union with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese: *Provided, always,* that the Delegates of the Church, or Parish newly admitted, though entitled to a seat, shall not be allowed a vote at the meeting of the Convention in which their Church, or Parish, is admitted.

Proposed to add, "But no Clerical or Lay vote shall be received from any Church or Parish, which has for three successive years neglected to elect a Vestry and Wardens, or to pay its quota to the Convention."

ARTICLE XIII.

Of Deputies to the General Convention.

SECTION 1.—At every annual Convention, four Clerical and four Lay Deputies shall be chosen to represent this Diocese in General Convention.

Proposed to add the words: "Each Order shall choose its own Representatives by ballot, subject to the approval of the Convention by a joint vote (viva voce) of both Orders."

Proposed to insert after the words "Lay Deputies," the following—"Communicants of the Church."

SECTION 2.—In case any Deputy, appointed as above, shall decline such appointment, or be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to inform the Bishop, or in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the President of the Standing Committee; and the Bishop, or in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee may appoint a substitute for any Deputy so declining, or unable to attend: *Provided,* that such substitute be a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church in South-Carolina.

ARTICLE XIV.

Of Altering the Constitution.

No one of these Articles shall be altered, or repealed, nor shall any article be adopted; unless such alteration, repeal, or new article, be proposed, considered, and concurred in, by a majority at one Convention, and concurred in by two-thirds (2-3) of the Churches present at a subsequent Convention.

Erratum.—Insert on page 39, the following amendment to Article 7, Section I—

Proposed to strike out the words, “ taken indiscriminately from the members,” and substitute the word “ communicants.”

PROPOSED CANONS.

CANON I.

On making Collections for the Bishop's Common Fund.

Every Minister having a Parochial charge in this Diocese, or his Assistant, shall, from time to time, at his discretion, preach in every Church under his care, a Sermon on the nature and duties of the Episcopal office; and the Vestry of each Church are requested to make a collection annually, in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund; or, in lieu of such collection, the Minister and Vestry of such Church may substitute an annual contribution. Passed 1822. Amended 1826.

CANON II.

Providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church.

Every Minister having a Parochial charge in this Diocese, shall, at or before the meeting of every annual Convention, deliver, or transmit to the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, an accurate statement, in writing, of the number of Baptisms, Burials, and Marriages, in his Parish, or Church, during the year ending

on the first of January preceding: specifying the number of places where, and how often in each, Divine Service is held; the number of Families, (discriminating in each instance, the number of Families belonging likewise to other Congregations) Communicants, Adults, and Children under fourteen (14) years, attending, or belonging to the same; the number catechised by him, and on how many Sundays; whether there be any Sunday School, and, if any, the number of Children and Teachers, and the subjects of instruction in the same; and generally, all such other matters as may tend to throw light on the state of the Church under his care; which reports shall be laid before the Convention, and entered on the Journals, conformably to the seventh (7th) Canon of the General Convention of 1835. Passed 1825. Amended 1830.

CANON III.

Trial of a Clergyman.

SECTION 1.—In order to bring a Clergyman to trial before an ecclesiastical Court, a charge shall be made, in the first place, to the Standing Committee, in writing, under the proper signature of at least two persons, one of whom shall be a Presbyterian of this Diocese. And if the Standing Committee shall deem the offence charged, as coming within the offences enumerated in the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, or of the General Convention, and that it ought to be presented, they shall present the same to the Bishop, in the following form:

To A. B., Bishop of the Diocese of South-Carolina,—

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of South-Carolina, respectfully represent, that C. D. has been accused under the hand of E. F. and G. H. of [here recite the charge, or charges] and the Committee are of opinion, that there is sufficient ground for presenting the said C. D. for trial agreeably to the Canon in such case made and provided.

[Signed by the Standing Committee.]

SECTION 2.—But nothing herein contained, shall be regarded as interfering with the duty of the Bishop to institute an inquiry on his own motion, according to the thirty-seventh Canon of the General Convention.

SECTION 3.—A presentment being made, the Bishop shall proceed from among those entitled to a seat in the Convention, other than the members of the Standing Committee, to designate eight (8) Presbyters, and cause a list of their names, and a copy of the presentment to be furnished to the accused, or left at his usual place of abode, if he be not found. Within thirty (30) days thereafter, the accused shall select five (5) of the eight (8) Presbyters, and give notice thereof to the Bishop; and in case of his failure to do so, the Bishop shall select five (5); and, in either case, the selected Presbyters shall constitute a Council for the trial of the accused.

SECTION 4.—The Council shall hold its session at such time and place as the Bishop may appoint, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese. If it fail to meet on the day appointed, it shall stand adjourned to the next day, and from

day to day, for the space of three days, if it be not sooner formed; and if the whole number do not attend, and it appears probable that a full attendance cannot be had, those of the Council who may be present, being not less than three (3,) shall proceed to trial. The Council shall appoint a President and Secretary, the first from their own body, and the latter from their own body, or otherwise; and before proceeding to trial, shall ordain and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted. It shall cause the oral testimony for and against the accused, to be written down by the Secretary, and, along with the depositions and other evidence read upon the trial, to be carefully preserved; and shall cause a record to be kept of its proceedings. Some officer, authorized by law to administer oaths, may be called upon by the Council to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses; and the trial shall be in public, if desired by the Standing Committee, or by the accused.

SECTION 5.—A written notice of the time and place of the meeting of the Council shall be served upon the accused, or left at his usual place of abode, (if he be not found) at least thirty (30) days before such meeting: and like notice shall be given to the Standing Committee, who, by their President, or some one whom they may appoint to perform that office, shall collect and present the evidence in support of the accusation, and otherwise appear in behalf of the prosecution.

SECTION 6.—If the accused do not appear, the Council may proceed to trial in his absence, or, for good cause shewn, may adjourn the trial to another day; and if he refuse, or decline to appear, the Council shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who thereupon shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the Ministry; but such sentence may be reversed by the Bishop, if the accused, within three calendar months, shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial, and shall appear for that end before the Council; and if he do not so report and appear, the Bishop, in view of the charges in the presentment, may pass against him sentence of degradation from the Ministry.

SECTION 7.—Upon the application of the Standing Committee, or the accused, to the Bishop, setting forth that the attendance of a material witness cannot be had, he shall appoint a Clergyman, or Layman, as a Commissioner to take the deposition of such witness; and the party applying shall give to the other party five days notice of the time and place of taking the deposition. If the party, to whom such notice is to be given, resides more than forty miles from the place appointed for taking the deposition, an additional day, exclusive of Sunday, shall be allowed for every twenty miles. The examination shall be in writing, and signed by the witness; and the deposition, certified by the Commissioner, and transmitted, under seal, to the Council.

SECTION 8.—When the trial shall be gone through, the Council shall declare, in a writing to be signed by the several members, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty, or not guilty; and if guilty, suggesting what sentence, in their opinion, ought to be pronounced. They shall forward the decision, together with the evidence and the record of the proceedings, to the Bishop; whereupon, the Bishop,

shall pronounce such sentence as shall to him appear proper, and such sentence shall be final. But if, in the opinion of the Bishop, the accused ought to have a new trial, he shall have power to award it; in which case, a new Council shall be convened, before which the proceedings shall be conducted, as before provided.

SECTION 9.—If at any time the accused shall confess the truth of the charges, the Bishop (such confession being made to him, or being certified to him by the Council) shall proceed to pass sentence; and if, when put upon his trial before the Council, the accused shall neither admit, nor deny the charges, he shall be regarded as pleading not guilty.

SECTION 10.—It shall be the duty of the Bishop to report to the Convention, at its next session after the trial of a Presbyter, or Deacon, as herein provided, the finding of the Council and his sentence thereupon.

CANON IV.

Manner of proceeding against a Bishop.

If the Bishop of this Church shall voluntarily commit any act, or acts, violating the Constitution, or Canons, presentment shall be made, by the Convention, to two or more Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. Such Bishops shall have authority to institute a trial within the Diocese of the accused party: and the sentence of the two Bishops, or of a majority of a greater number, being founded on the Canons of the Church, shall be final: except the sentence of degradation, in which case he shall be allowed the privilege of an appeal to the house of Bishops, *provided*, he give notice of such appeal, within six months, to the presiding Bishop.

PROPOSED RULES OF ORDER.

I. The opening of the Convention shall always be preceded by the Morning Service of the Church, a Sermon, and the administration of the Lord's Supper by the Bishop, or, if the Episcopate be vacant, or the Bishop be not present, by the President of the Standing Committee. The business of every succeeding day shall be introduced with the Morning Service; and the business of every day shall be closed with appropriate Collects pronounced by the President.

II. At the opening of each Annual Convention, when the President shall have taken the Chair, the Secretary shall first call over, in alphabetical order, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats. He shall then call over the Churches entitled to representation; when the Delegates shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a committee of three, who shall forthwith examine them, and report to the Convention. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized. Should the committee have considered any testimonials unsatisfactory, these shall now be taken up, and the question of their sufficiency settled.

III. The further order of business for the first day of the session of the Convention, shall be as follows:

1. The reading of the "Rules of Order."
2. The election of a Secretary, who shall have power to appoint an Assistant Secretary.
3. The consideration of the application of Churches, or Parishes, for admission into the Convention.
4. The appointment, by the President, of Preachers for the first day of the next Annual Convention.
5. The appointment, by the President, of three Standing Committees, viz.: the Committee on unfinished business, one (1) Clergyman and two (2) Laymen; the Committee on Finance, three (3) Laymen; and the Committee on the General Theological Seminary, two (2) Clergymen and two (2) Laymen.
6. The annual communication of the Standing Committee of the Church.
7. The appointment of the Committee.
8. The choosing of Deputies to the General Convention.
9. The appointment of Special Committees.
10. Miscellaneous business.

IV. The daily order of proceedings, after the first day, shall be, on the President's taking the chair.

1. The reading and approval of the Minutes.
2. Calling the names of members absent upon the preceding day.

3. Calling upon each delegation to pay the assessment on their respective Churches, or Parishes, for the Bishop's Common Fund, and for the expenses of the Convention.

4. Reports to be called for in the following order:
Committee on Finance. Treasurer of Bishop's Permanent, Common and Convention Funds. Committee on Unfinished Business. Committee on Theological Seminary. Committees appointed at the preceding Convention. Special Committees.

5. Miscellaneous business.

V. Before the rising of the Convention, the minutes of the last day's proceedings shall be read and approved.

VI. The Bishop's Address shall be at any time in order.

VII. When the President shall take the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the Chair.

VIII. The delegation of each Church shall occupy one pew.

IX. No member shall absent himself from the Convention, unless he hath leave, or be unable to attend.

X. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and, without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself to the point in debate, and avoiding personality.

XI. When two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.

XII. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the Convention.

XIII. A question, being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Churches present.

XIV. While the President is putting the question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the Church.

XV. No motion shall be considered before the Convention, unless seconded, and reduced to writing, if the President or any member require it. A Minister, or Delegate, may not second a motion offered by a Minister, or Delegate, of the same Church with himself.

XVI. When a question is before the house, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or amend, to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are named. A motion to strike out the word "Resolved," shall have precedence of a motion to amend; and, if carried, shall be equivalent to a rejection of the resolution.

XVII. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

XVIII. No leave of absence shall be indefinitely granted to any member, unless full and sufficient reasons be given by him to the Convention.

XIX. When a Committee announces that it is ready to report, the first question is, "Will the Convention now receive the Report?" If decided in the affirmative, the report shall be read and entered upon the Minutes, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention. The next question is, "Shall the Report *now* be considered?" If decided in the negative, it shall lie upon the table, until called up by some member of the Convention. If in the affirmative, the preamble and each resolution, (if any,) shall be considered separately.

XX. All special Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

XXI. No member shall vote on any question, in the event of which he is immediately and personally interested, or in any case where he was not present when the question was put.

XXII. If any member, in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Convention, the President *shall*, or any member *may*, call to order; in which case, the member so called to order, shall immediately sit down unless permitted to explain: and the Convention shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate; if there be no appeal, the decision of the President shall be submitted to.

XXIII. The President shall have the right to name a member to perform the duties of the Chair; but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment.

XXIV. Clergymen belonging to the Diocese, but not entitled to seats in the Convention, Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not belonging to the Diocese, and Candidates for Orders, shall be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

XXV. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended, without the concurrence of two-thirds (2-3) of the members present.

XXVI. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force, unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.